

Existing law (R.S. 33:381(B)) provides that the chief of police in a municipality governed by the provisions of the Lawrason Act (mayor-board of aldermen form of government) shall be elected at large and shall be an elector of the municipality.

Existing law (R.S. 33:381.1) alternatively provides that the chief of police in any such municipality may be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the board of aldermen when authorized by a majority of the electors of the municipality. Requires presentation of a petition, signed by at least 25% of such electors, prior to holding a special election on the question. Prohibits another election on the same question for at least four years.

Existing law also provides for specific exceptions to the above provisions of existing law by providing that in certain municipalities (Oakdale, Winnfield, St. Joseph, Waterproof, Logansport, Richwood, Plaucheville, Norwood, St. Francisville, Moreauville, Loreauville, and Oak Ridge) the office of chief of police shall or may be made appointive by a variety of different methods. Specifies that no such appointment shall be made until the end of the term of the present chief of police in each such municipality. Also provides with respect to the term of office and the salary of such appointed chiefs of police.

Existing law also provides that the office of chief of police of the villages of Napoleonville, Jamestown, and Castor may be abolished by the board of aldermen, upon recommendation of the mayor. Alternatively, provides that the board of aldermen may make the chief of police an appointed rather than an elected official. Provides that such action shall not be effective until the end of the term of the serving chief. Further provides that if the office of police chief and the municipal police department are abolished, the mayor and the board of aldermen are authorized to enter into any cooperative endeavor with any law enforcement entity or officer within the parish for law enforcement services. Provides provisions relative to the term and salary of an appointed chief of police.

New law provides that the chief of police of the town of Oil City shall be an